

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 28, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence and Mr. Watson. None were absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

ARB #04-102 Birch/118 Jones Mill Lane – Addition (deck) – Approved.

ARB #04-103 RPR Holdings, LLC – Alteration (remove storefront and replace with brick and window to match other windows recently installed in the building) – Approved.

ARB#04-100 Tyler Court Homeowners Association – Exterior Change (reroof with architectural grade shingles) – Approved.

ARB#04-101 Matkins/2133-10 South Henry Street – Addition (deck extension) – Approved.

ARB #04-104 Thomas/716 Monumental Avenue – Reroof single-family dwelling – Approved.

Mr. Walker motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence and Mr. Watson.
Nay:	None.
Absent:	None.
Abstain:	None.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #04-105 Montessori School/420 Scotland Street – Gutters

Ed Pease, Architect, presented the request for gutters noting they were needed to prevent rain from the roof hitting the exterior building wall thereby causing seepage into the stucco resulting in moisture damage to the building. He noted the ponding of rainwater around the foundation and sidewalks creates a hazard to pedestrians and moisture to the foundation of the building.

A general discussion followed with Board members expressing concern with removing the crown molding on the building which would change the character of the house. Several Board members asked if other alternatives had been investigated such as rain diffusers, rain diverters or the addition of a copper extension to the overhang. Mr. Pease noted he did not look at those alternatives but was agreeable to investigating the alternatives due to concerns expressed about the removal of the crown molding. Mr. Pease requested the Board table the application in order for him to investigate other alternatives.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hardiplank Discussion

The discussion continued on Hardiplank siding from last meeting with new information submitted by staff on the cost of Hardiplank, wood, aluminum, and vinyl siding as requested by the Board. Staff also provided additional maps of neighborhoods in the Architectural Preservation District annotated with the type of siding on structures.

Board members expressed concern with the bead on Hardiplank siding not being as defined as on wood siding and the long term maintenance and reliability of Hardiplank siding since it has become popular over the last ten years.

Board members agreed a discussion with contractors who use Hardiplank siding and wood siding would be helpful in determining the pros and cons of the two materials. Board members asked staff to arrange for several contractors to discuss Hardiplank and wood siding at the next meeting. The Board was in agreement that a public hearing would be necessary to allow the public to present their concerns about the use of Hardiplank siding in the City. Board members also requested staff to investigate how long Hardiplank siding had been used in general and what areas of the Country were first to use it to determine the reliability of the product over time. Chairman Williams asked Board members to think about what the public hearing advertisement in the newspaper should contain.

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The minutes were approved with one addition as requested by Mr. Durbin.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer